

2003/04 Highlights

Development of Waste Management System

The new waste management system was implemented successfully from 1 August 2003. Central Hawke's Bay residents took to the new system and as a result of waste minimisation education, opportunities for recycling, green waste separation, and user charges at transfer stations, the District has managed to reduce the amount of refuse dumped at the landfill by over 50%.

Waipawa Main Street Upgrade

The redevelopment of the Waipawa main street continued.

Increased Building Activity in Central Hawkes Bay

The level of building activity within the District continued to climb with 704 building consents issued. This is a huge increase compared with to the 552 consents issued last year and the 460 consents issued 6 years ago. The number of subdivisions and resource consents has also increased to 150 compared to 140 last year.

Waipawa Skatepark

After months of discussion with teenagers a concrete skatepark designed to meet the skills of a variety of skateboarders, inline skaters and BMXers, was built across from the pool in Harker Street. Work began in August and was completed in September 2003.

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After many years without an online presence, the Council website went live in December 2003. Since then the number of hits has steadily increased to over 1000 a day, with an average of 364 pages accessed each day in June 2004.

Consultation on Sewerage Treatment

Council continued consultation with public and undertook extensive investigations into viable treatment options for municipal sewerage plants.

Reserve Management Plans

Management Plans were prepared and adopted for the Aramoana Beach Reserves and Whangaehu Historic Reserve. These plans provide a ten year plan for development of these important public assets.

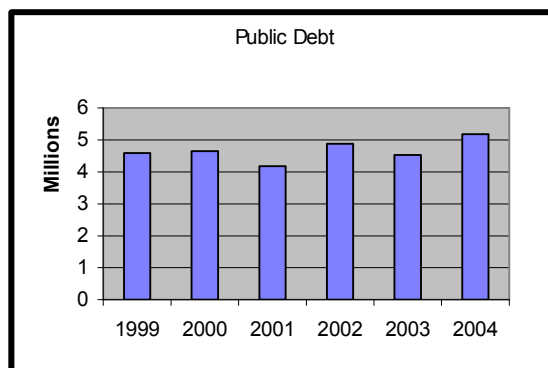
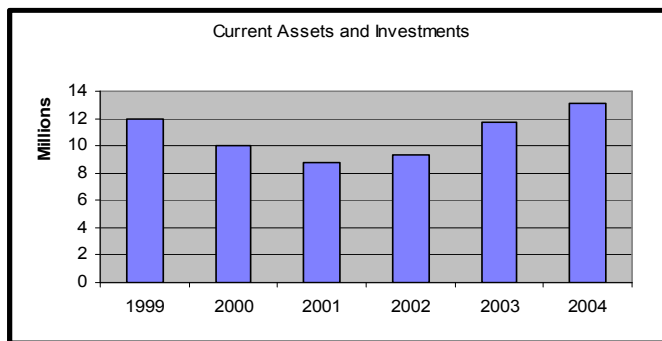
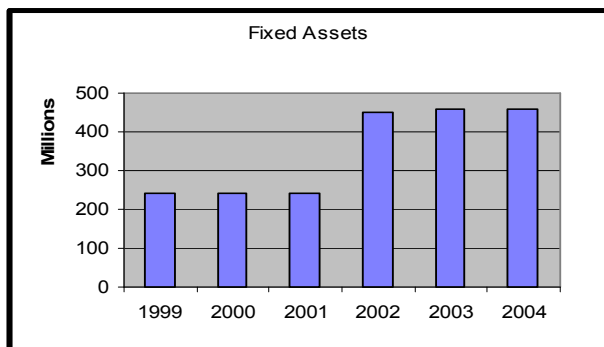
Waipukurau Service Centre and Library Amalgamation

The Waipukurau Library was re-designed and extended and the Service Centre was relocated to the library to enhance the level of service provided to Waipukurau clients.

General Statistics and Trends

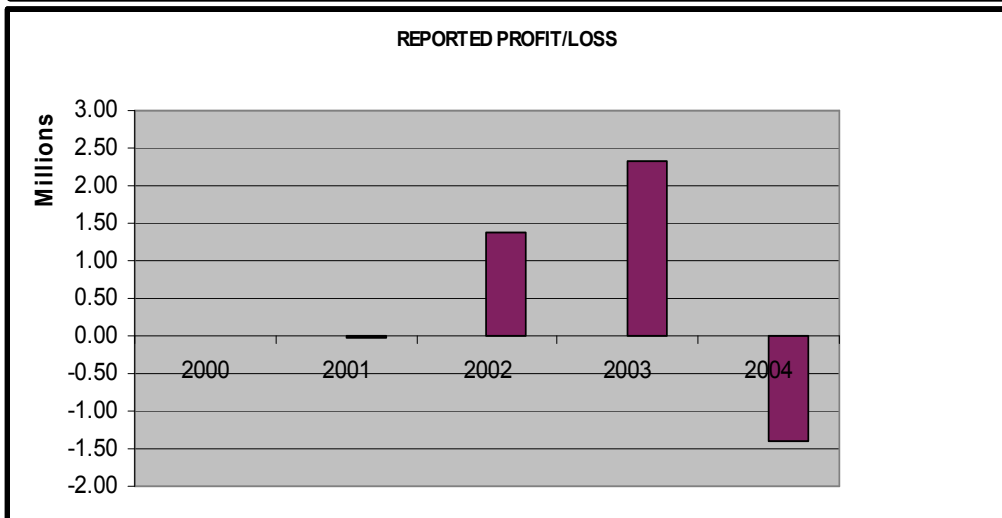
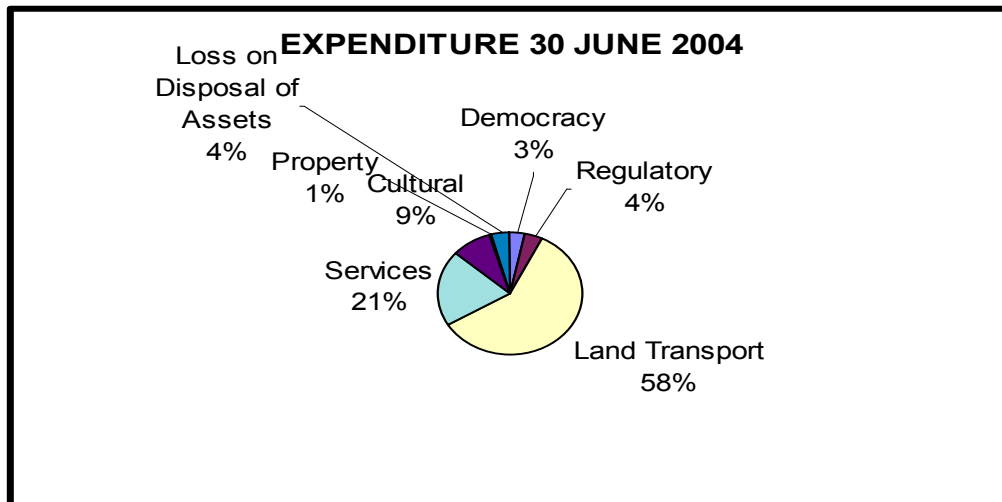
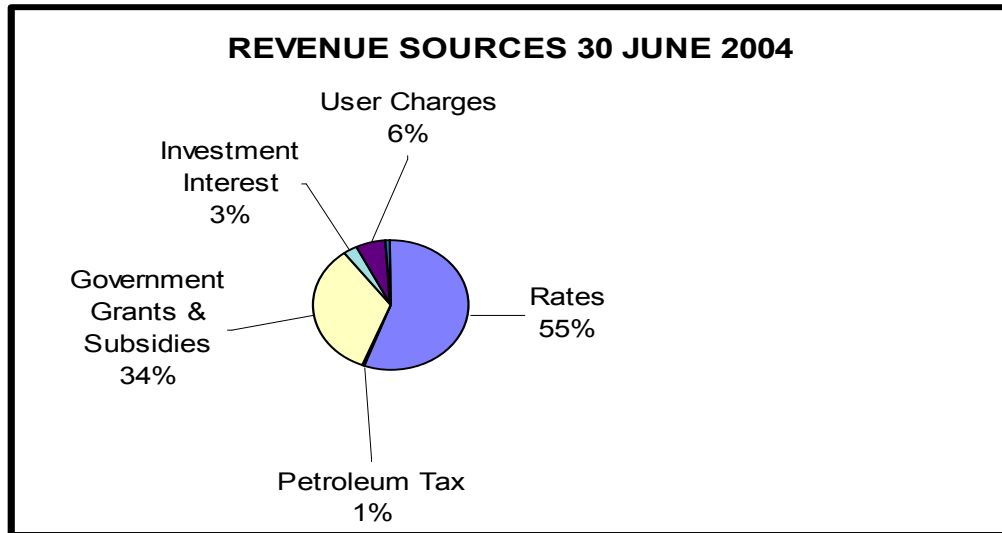
Area	326,000 ha
Population	12, 828
Rateable properties, number of	6891
Non-rateable properties, number of	588
Gross Capital Value	\$2,870,969,700
Rateable Capital Value	\$2,692,685,350
Gross Land Value	\$1,873,408,350
Rateable Land Value	\$1,764,470,550
Date of last revaluation	1/9/2003
Systems of rating	Land Value, Capital Value, UAC

	30 June 2004	30 June 2003	30 June 2002	30 June 2001	30 June 2000
Current Assets and Investments	\$12.8 million	\$11.7 million	\$ 9.3 million	\$8.8 million	\$10 million
Fixed Assets	\$457 million	\$459 million	\$450 million	\$243 million	\$241 million
Public Debt	\$5.151 million	\$4.550 million	\$4.896 million	\$4.180 million	\$4.633 million
Debt per capita	\$401	\$354	\$381	\$328	\$356
Debt per ratepayer	\$751	\$668	\$713	\$671	\$754



Note: the large increase in fixed asset value in 2002 was due to the revaluation of the council's Roding assets as at 30 June 2002.

Financial Performance



Elected Council Members

The Central Hawke's Bay District Council comprises of His Worship the Mayor and 10 elected members representing the District's 3 Wards. Elections are held every three years. Why not get involved next time?

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Mayors Report

2003/04 has been another year of satisfying achievement for the Council and the community, although there are ominous clouds gathering on the horizon in terms of higher costs.

Highlights of the period have included a new waste management system which emphasises recycling as our primary object. The community has responded very well to the new system and although it is costing more than the old, it is the way toward a sustainable future.

The Waipawa main street upgrade began with the western side completed and the eastern side to follow next year. Waipawa will soon join Waipukurau as a very smart town indeed.

The building boom continues unabated which is good news for growth employment and community morale. The Council is playing a leading part through our efficient and friendly regulatory department, and a liberal and sensible district plan.

Council joined the 21st century with a dedicated web site which cranked up in December 2003. This is probably just the beginning of an entirely new way in which Council and the community interact and I believe that information systems will revolutionise the way we do business in a very short time. Council needs to face and welcome these challenges and harness them for the benefit of the community.

The Waipukurau Library upgrade has been completed and the Service Centre has been relocated to the Library premises. This provides a first class facility to the people of Central Hawke's Bay.

The long awaited skate board park was almost fully completed in Waipawa and it is being well used by the youth of the area. With the continuing upgrade of the Waipawa pool, citizens now have another vibrant and enjoyable venue for sport and recreation.

Council continues its consultation and work toward sewage upgrades and reserve management plans are going ahead. This year plans for Whangaehu and Waipawa were approved and adopted.

The blip on the radar screen is the increasing cost to the community of having a small rating base when the requirements, responsibilities and costs of local government are increasing rapidly. There is little Council can do to reverse this trend and the only solution is for Council to become ever more efficient and crafty in our use of public resources and to explore every avenue and option to make sure that we serve the community to the best effect for the least cost. Once again your Council and staff have given of their best for your benefit and I thank them all for their unstinting endeavours and faithful service.

Tim Gilbertson
Mayor

General Managers Report

The 2003/04 year for Council has been full year where considerable has occurred once again as a result of the improvements to the services and infrastructure of the District. This last 12 months has also resulted in considerable disruption for ratepayers in some parts of the District as a result of a number of extreme rainfall events occurring during the year; the worst of which occurred on 15th and 16th February 2004.

Council's 2003/04 Annual Report records the achievements of your Council in delivering the outcomes that were previously outlined in the Annual Plan that was adopted back in June 2003. Details of targets that haven't been met have been recorded so the Community is kept fully informed on the progress that has been made to date. A summary of the highlights and achievements has been provided which record some of the more significant successful outcomes that have occurred.

This year an increased level of service has been provided in a number of Council's activities well has been well received; examples include new water treatment and storage facilities for Takapau, Porangahau and Te Paerahi, new opportunities for refuse collection, recycling and green waste separation services, and seal extension of Motere Road.

The introduction of the Local government Act 2002 in December 2002 has had a much more significant impact on the way Council serves it community. While there is greater flexibility in terms of the services it provides there is a much greater requirement for accountability and transparency, decision-making, and consultation.

The level of service that is provided to the Community is detailed within the Council's Asset Management Plans and used in the Annual plan to set specific performance targets. These performance targets have been the basis for confirming that the level services were achieved for the 2003/04 year.

2003/04 was another year where record levels were recorded in building activity and resource consents have occurred within the District. During this past year Council issued 704 Building Consents andResource Consents compared to 552 and respectively for the 2002/03 year. This level of activity looks likely to continue for sometime to come.

Other notable achievements during the 2003/04 year included the:

- Amalgamation Waipukurau Library and Service Centre and the refurbishment and upgrading of the facilities.
- Establishment of the Central Hawkes Bay District Council website (www.chbdc.govt.nz) in December 2003
- Development of a skatepark in Waipawa
- Continuation of consultation, investigation of options and lodging of resource consent applications for upgrading the wastewater treatment at Waipawa, Waipukurau, Otane, Porangahau and Te Paerahi.
- Ministry of Health financial assistance funding approval towards the upgrading of wastewater treatment for Porangahau and Otane
- Seal extension of Motere Road and traction seal on Atau Road.

The February 2004 floods caused considerable disruption to some parts of the District, it was a time where the community as a whole could work to together to help those in

need at a time of distress. The role that was performed by Civil Defence and all the other agencies, community groups and individuals was of immense benefit and a credit to all of those who were involved. This effort was greatly appreciated.

Overall the Council finished the financial year with a \$1.399 million deficit. This is a result of unfunded depreciation on infrastructural issues and represents a paper loss to Council. What this means is that Council has not been allowing enough for the replacement of its assets. This is an issue that Council has faced for some time and some of the major infrastructural replacement issues facing Council for Water Treatment and Sewer Treatment are a reflection that Council has not collected enough revenue in the past to fund replacement of these critical assets. Council is looking to address these issues

Finally I would like to thank all elected members and staff of Council for all their hard work and commitment working for and on behalf of this community during the past year. This has been a very rewarding and most challenging; we have collectively achieved some great successes and worked well as a team.

There are always a few occasions where hindsight provides us with opportunities look at how the service that is provided can be enhanced for the future.

Ken Fox
General Manager

Management Structure

